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1. Formal drawings are submitted.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

2. Old Specifications and Claims 1-20 are cancelled, and substitute New Specifications and Claims 21-40 are submitted.

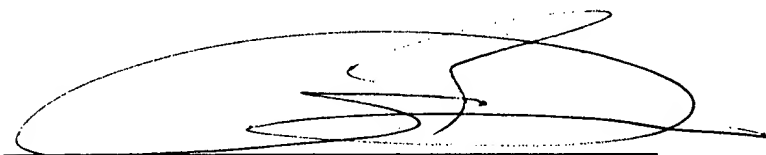
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3. Westdyk teaches an overly complicated articulator of **multiple parts** (at least 8 parts) manufactured from multiple molds (at least 8 molds). The articulator comprises numerous parts including a series of connecting members, spigots, socket joints, stalks, hinges, connectors, and interlocking formations.

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4. This articulator is not practical for many reasons: too complicated, too many moving parts, difficult manufacturing process, difficult assembly, expensive to manufacture, and too many parts that can malfunction or break.
5. This articulator is difficult and costly to use. It requires too much labor to assemble and too much labor and expertise to attach dental molds to the articulator.
6. The present invention is comprised of only one part. It is more functional than Westdyk, easier to use, and cheaper to manufacture. It is comprised of only one part and is manufactured by using the simple process of stamping from a sheet. Westdyk uses the complicated and more expensive manufacturing process of multiple castings from multiple molds. The present invention has no molds that wear out and have to be replaced, and has no rejected parts that have to be thrown out due to failure in the casting process. Additionally, the present invention requires no assembly.
7. The design of the present invention and Westdyk are entirely different. Westdyk and the present invention do not even look remotely similar.
8. Simple is better.

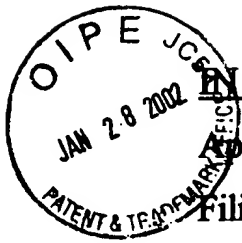


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